

CITY OF GRAND MARAIS
MINUTES
June 25, 2008

Mayor Larsen called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

Members present: Evelyn Larsen, Kay Costello, Tim Kennedy, and Edward Bolstad

Members absent: William Lenz

Staff present: Mike Roth, Don Davison, and Kim Dunsmoor

Motion by Bolstad, seconded by Kennedy to approve the Agenda; June 11, 2008, Worksession Minutes; June 11, 2008, Minutes; June 16, 2008, Special Meeting Minutes; and Payment of Bills. Approved unanimously.

Mayor Larsen invited the public to speak during a period of open forum. Open Forum is limited to one half-hour. No person may speak more than 5 minutes or more than once. No one spoke.

Mark Sandbo, Grand Marais Lion's Club, presented the request for street closures for Fisherman's Picnic. Street closures will be the same as last year; truck deliveries will be able to get through. Request early street closure on Wednesday in front of Harbor in for logrolling set up. This year the council requires that the vendors dispose of their own waste at their own expense. The city staff and citizens should not have to remove and pay for disposal of vendor trash. Also this year, the Lion's Club will be responsible for the additional porta potties for this event.

Motion by Kennedy, seconded by Costello to approve the Lion's Club Fisherman's Picnic Street Closure request. Approved unanimously.

Bradley Peterson, The Coalition of Greater Minnesota Cities (CGMC), addressed the council and asked the city to become a member of the organization. CGMC is a non-profit, non-partisan advocacy organization representing cities outside of the Twin Cities metropolitan area. CGMC focuses on 5 areas of concern for cities: Local Government Aid, Annexation, Economic Development, Environment, and Transportation. If the city is interested in becoming a member, the membership fees will be phased in over a period of 4 years. The full dues are approximately \$2,588. The first year fees would be about \$647.

Motion by Bolstad, seconded by Kennedy to become a member of the Coalition of Greater Minnesota Cities. Approved unanimously.

The council discussed the proposed deferred payment special assessment policy. Some policies forgive interest while others require a property owner to pay interest while deferring the assessment. The council would determine if a hardship exists based on several factors. The council would like to discuss this matter further at the next meeting.

Motion by Kennedy, seconded by Bolstad to approve Resolution 2008-15 Authorizing Application to the Iron Range Resources Public Works (09) Infrastructure Grant Program for Public Infrastructure Extensions to the Creechville Neighborhood in Grand Marais, Minnesota. Approved unanimously.

Motion by Bolstad, seconded by Kennedy to hire volunteer firefighters Jeff Eliassen, Shawn Swearingen, Paul Sporn, and Gideon Silence. Approved unanimously.

Motion by Kennedy, seconded by Costello to approve Resolution 2008-16 Regarding the Administration of the Wetland Act of 1991. Approved unanimously.

Councilor Bolstad's Report:

- 1) The MPCA sent a report requiring the city to install a sufficient number of monitoring wells to fully delineate the extent of the ground water plume and sample quarterly.
- 2) Asked if the city sets the cable rates in town. The city charges the cable company a franchise fee to allow them to run their cables in town: however, the city does not set cable rates. We are given a schedule of rates that the cable company charges.

City Administrator Roth's Report:

- 1) Received a letter from Harbor Friends regarding water skipping. Also received a call from the Coast Guard stating that water skipping events in federal navigatable waters must have a permit from the Coast Guard, that the Coast Guard would not issue a permit for water skipping and that there is a \$32,000 fine if a machine is sunk in the lake.

Motion by Bolstad, seconded by Larsen to adjourn the meeting. Approved unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:34 p.m.